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In re United States Patent Application

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Applicant: Charles D. Y. Sia et al.

Title: HIV-SPECIFIC CYTOTOXIC T-CELL RESPONSES

August 2, 2002

The Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
U.S.A.

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

Dear Sir:

This Renewed Petition is submitted pursuant to the Decision dated June 17, 2002.

In the Decision dated June 17, 2002, it was indicated that the averments of Mr. Yacoob are not sufficient to support a finding that the non-signing inventor refuses to join the application. The Decision indicates that Mr. Yacoob had not provided a copy of the cover letter to Charles Sia nor the Federal Express receipt signed by Mr. Sia confirming he received the application papers on September 26, 2001.

In support of the Renewed Petition, submitted herewith is a further Declaration of Reza Yacoob under 37 CFR 1.47(a), with the requested documentation appended thereto. It is submitted that applicant's have satisfied the requirement of item (2) of 37 CFR 1.47(a).

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It is noted that a search by the PTO at the Federal Express web site indicated no documents with the Tracking Number 791660536261, referred to in the prior Declaration of Reza Yacoob. The explanation for this is that Federal Express maintains tracking numbers on line for six months only.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M.I. Stewart", written over a horizontal line.

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